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1. BOB KING (STATE 216713). WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING FOLLOWING FROM AMBASSADOR AGGREY ON OCCASION KING'S DEPARTURE FROM NSC: DEAR BOB: WORD THAT YOU ARE LEAVING THE NSC HAS JUST REACHED ME, AND I MUST SAY I SINCERELY REGRET YOUR DEPARTURE. BEGINNING WITH MY SPECIAL ORIENTATION SEMINAR AND THROUGHOUT NEARLY A YEAR'S ASSOCIATION, I HAVE PERSONNALLY BENEFITTED A GREAT DEAL FROM OUR COLLABORATION. MY COLLEAGUES HERE IN THE MISSION SHARE MY BELIEF THAT OUR COMMON INTERESTS, AS WE PERCEIVE THEM, HAVE BEEN WELL DEFENDED IN NSC COUNSELS; AMONG OTHER TOPICS, WE HAVE SENSED AND APPRECIATED YOUR SPECIAL SENSITIVITY TO NATIONAL MINORITIES ISSUES IN ROMANIA. WE WISH YOU THE VERY BEST IN YOUR NEW DUTIES, AND HOPE THEY MAY LEAVE TIME FOR OCCASIONAL EXCHANGES ON ROMANIA.

2. EMIGRATION FIGURES (STATE 216713). AS REQUESTED, FOLLOWING ARE FIGURES FOR EMIGRATION TO US AND ISRAEL FOR CY78:

US EMIGRATION - DOCUMENTATION ISSUED:
IMMIGRANT VISAS TCP TOTALS
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JANUARY	41	28	69
FEGRUARY	26	70	96
MARCH	43	22	65
APRIL	41	55	96
MAY	61	59	120
JUNE	48	71	119
JULY	56	89	145

TO AUGUST 29 72 46 118

TOTALS 388 440 828

EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL - VISAS ISSUED BY ISRAELI
EMBASSY: JANUARY 65; FEBRUARY 74; MARCH 97; APRIL 77; MAY 149;
JUNE 111; JULY 90; AUGUST 90. TOTAL 753. AS ISRAELI
FIGURES ARE FOR VISA ISSUANCE, THEY DIFFER FROM THOSE
GIVEN BY POPESCU ON JUNE 2 (BUCHAREST 3861) WHICH
REFERRED TO DEPARTURE APPROVALS FOR ISRAEL. AMBASSADOR,
MANGIAFICO AND I ARE MEETING WITH ISRAELIS TO DISCUSS
PROBLEMS OF COMMON INTEREST AUGUST 31.

3. VLAD GEORGESCU (STATE 211052). I HAD LUNCH WITH
GEORGESCU TODAY (AUGUST 29), AND FOUND HIM VERY NERVOUS
OVER TOTAL LACK OF MOVEMENT CONCERNING HIS CASE. I
ARGUED THAT TIMING FACTORS MAY BE CREATING SOME
CONFUSION AMONG SECURITY PEOPLE DEALING WITH HIS CASE,
AND ALSO MAKE IT LESS LIKELY THAT SPECTACULAR STEPS
WILL PRODUCE POSITIVE RESPONSE WE ALL WANT, BUT HE WAS
ONLY PARTIALLY CONVINCED. BEST I COULD DO WAS TO STRING
OUT TIMETABLE. HE PLANS TO BEGIN HUNGER STRIKE OCTOBER 1,
AND ASKS THAT BILLINGTON BE INFORMED, AND ASKED IN TURN TO
INFORM EUGEN WEBER AND DR. BRZEZINSKI. HE WOULD ALSO
LIKE TO KNOW IF HE CAN EXPECT ANSWER TO HIS LETTER TO
DR. BRZEZINSKI. HE WILL BE SEEING (AND INFORMING)
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COLORADO PROFESSOR STEPHEN FISCHER-GALATI OF HIS
INTENTION SEPTEMBER 4, AND ASKING HIM TO GET WORD
AROUND THE US ACADEMIC CIRCUIT AFTER HIS RETURN FROM
THE SIBIU HISTORIANS' SEMINAR SEPTEMBER 5. GEORGESCU
WILL INFORM ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES OF STRIKE IN MID-
SEPTEMBER, AND CALL ISTVAN DEAK AT COLUMBIA ON EVE TO
CONFIRM. I SAID I HOPED TO BE IN TOUCH BEFORE
MID-SEPTEMBER WITH RESULTS OF BILLINGTON'S CONSULTATIONS
MENTIONED REFTEL, AND ANYTHING POSITIVE BILLINGTON CAN
COME UP WITH MAY BE HELPFUL IN HEADING OFF SCANDAL ON
WHICH GEORGESCU NOW SEEMS INTENT.
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